

HOW THE WEST WAS WON

PART TWO

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A fictional story set in BOSTON 1775 about the start of the American revolution, when the British Navy walks into town and expects too much hospitality.



Elsewhere near farms surrounding the town of Boston, RIVERS ,DOC HOLIDAY ,and ADAM have ridden on horseback to JAMES MACDONALD'S ranch .

They ride through a perimeter fence and up a dirt road to a farmhouse , then take a left the men's dorms, one story prefabricated wooden huts . After tying up their horses near a horse trough of water ,they step onto a wooden Terrace and through the louvre doors of the men's dormitory. Men are seated around an oblong table in the middle of the room of bunk beds leading to Washrooms.

RIVERS HOWDY FOLKS

ADAM STERLING There's been some trouble in town, we want to stay here till the heat dies down .

PETE SHERIFF was here today and checking on cattle.

RIVERS If the sheriff comes Doc , I ain't leaving.

PETE He was making sure all the cattle belongs to McDonald's and not from there neibours .

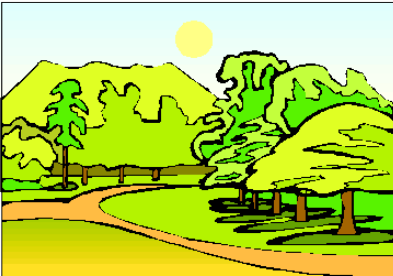
RIVERS Recon so , but I'm one of the family so if he rides up again I'll give myself up.

DOC HOLIDAY Keep a lookout till daybreak . I want to be ready to leave .I've got my dentist equipment. Any of you cattle rustlers got toothache ?

BILLY

GREAT

DOC HOLIDAY I know some of your boys have gum disease and tooth decay now who needs dentistry lads don't be shy I have my bag here.



LATER..Sheriff Welch and his Men ride through a perimeter fence and up a dirt road towards the Farmhouse Welch directs his men to search the barracks while he goes to the main house.

He steps up on to the front porch and rings the bell. The farmers wife Stella comes and opens the door letting the law man in.

STELLA MACDONALD Sheriff your getting a familiar sight. James will be down in a moment, though we did not expect you , come in.

He walks in and takes a left into a living room To sit by a roaring fire which dominates the room . James Macdonald comes down the stairs into the hallway.

SHERIFF WELCH I'm here to get RIVERS and hid gang of outlaws. He got into trouble in town and I have to arrest him.

JAMES MACDONALD Now they are all good men sheriff they wouldn't have caused no trouble I can vouch for all of them.

SHERIFF WELCH That may be so but it was with men from the sailing ship ESPERANTO who insist on a trial .

JAMES MACDONALD British think they own us and we have rights too

Just then there is noise outside and all three go out of the house where RIVERS and ADAM are standing with the law men. They leave the main building and walk over the yard to the group .

RIVERS and STERLING are marched in front of the farmhouse and tied up while the horses are gathered in the courtyard .

SHERIFF WELCH So RIVERS I have to arrest you, now where's the DOC .

RIVERS He ain't here Sheriff he decided to ride out to the next town .

STELLA James you get these men a good lawyer and a fair trial, I heard the british will try to back any of there officers.

JAMES MACDONALD Yes I'll do that can I have a word with you is this serious.

SHERIFF WELCH Tell you what I'll do James , I have to lock these boys
up but I'll wait until after that british ship has left harbour and get the charges reduced.

JAMES MACDONALD I'd appreciate that if I can sheriff, and I'll come in tomorrow and check on them.

All the sheriff's men mount up ,tying RIVERS and STERLING to their mounts .They take the single dirt Rd out of the farm towards BOSTON town centre . From behind the farmhouse, DOC HOLIDAY rides in the other direction.

STELLA goes back into the house as JAMES MACDONALD walks over to the men's dormitories where the rest of the men are gathering on the wooden terrace veranda .

BILL What's the trouble JAMES .

JAMES MACDONALD British sailors from the galleon ship on Boston harbor threatening to bring in the state governor a skirmish at PARKHILL'S saloon with drunken sailors from the ESPERANTO .

PETE Yeah the British always get their way in these southern states . .

JAMES MACDONALD That's the price we pay for keeping the French out

BILL What do you mean ?

JAMES MACDONALD Well you know Canada's bilingual , you have to do whatever the British say or we'll be speaking French, or even worse Spanish .`Sam I need you to take a message to the MONTROYA ranch .

BILL I think our fastest rider is young SAM here .

Sam comes over the courtyard with his horse and mounts up accepting a letter from James McDonald .

JAMES MACDONALD You're to tell MONTROYA what's happened here, get him to use his influence .

BILL We'll help him stop the British getting their way and to release RIVERS and STERLING who are in their rights to protect MISS KATE .

JAMES MACDONALD I need to report from PARKHILLS SALOON from his new teletype .

BILL WHAT'S A TELETYPER ?

JAMES MACDONALD A teletype can send large messages through a telephone line.

PETE I hear one day they'll be sending photos and long letters .

BILL They'll call it a computer

JAMES MACDONALD but for now we'll use his teletype to bring in the national assembly in the state governor .Stay there till you get a message back from Boston and the state governor and ride back before sundown .

From a field overlooking the Harbour comes DON SABASTIAN MONTOYA .

WILLIAM TRENT Can we take a lift in your wagon Sir?

DON SABASTIAN MONTOYA Well it seems I'm late from a meeting and I was just going over to AM PARKHILL'S saloon for the evening but there's room on my wagon .

The sailors clamper on board the wagon and JASPER carries on playing the mouth organ as MONTOYA starts the journey towards BOSTON Town Centre .



Later that morning town folk are gathering in the center opposite the jailhouse when the sheriff and his men escort RIVERS straight to the jailhouse and lock him up. THOMAS PAIN hands out Leaflets against British taxation to the congregation .

JOHN ADAMS Yes I will take the case on Sam , I only wish I had been there.

SAM PARKHILL I appreciate that JOHN you can get statements from all the bar staff tonight. KATE you know what happened don't you.

KATE One of those sailors grab me and it was lucky MIKE RIVERS was there none of the rest of you lot were gonna help me

She indicates the crowds standing outside the Jailhouse .

SAM PARKHILL You come with me KATE over to the printing press as Thomas has a secret

KATE Don't forget I've got to open the saloon early SAM .

SAM PARKHILL Thomas has the latest in communication technology over at the printing press and he can send a report to Chicago and the new cities in California Los Angeles and San Francisco

They walk across the road and Up to the terrace then enter the offices of the Boston Gazette where the printing press is hard at work and Thomas Jefferson is in his office assembling the latest edition .

THOMAS JEFFERSON The Independent news service is now in North Carolina and from there it will go to WASHINGTON ..

SAM PARKHILL That's right and the stagecoach is coming through tomorrow , so if we just get a photo of all of us we'll send that By mail to be added to the damming report on what those British sailors did earlier today .

KATE Will be asking for trouble if we do that Sam, but i'll wear that **strapless dress with the spilt down the side .**

SAM PARKHILL We'll take that photo later thank you Thomas

They leave the office of the Boston Gazette and walk down the terrace and over the road then enter the Louvre door of PARKHILL SALOON just as DON SABASTIAN MONTOYA pulls up outside.

DON SABASTIAN MONTOYA I'll just put the horse and cart in the Coach House and then I'll be over Sam

SAM PARKHILL That you do that Don and I'll have a bottle of beer waiting for you in your normal seat .

CAPTAIN JESSOP TRENT you go over to the general store and get two barrels for the men and I'll go see the sheriff,

CAPTAIN JESSOP I'll go over to the telegraph office right now and tell the state governor . I might be willing to drop the charges as long as we can come back and enjoy Boston .

SAM PARKHILL Thanks to you one of my friends is locked up in this hear jailhouse .

SHERIFF WELCH is drinking coffee in his office after charging MIKE RIVERS for assaulting a CAPTAIN JESSOP

WELCH STUBBY can you go and give MIKE a cup of coffee

DOC HOLIDAY rides into town and leaves his horse behind the jailhouse walking round the side and peaks through the bars at RIVERS .

DOC HOLIDAY hey MIKE all the sheriff's deputies are going to be at PARKHILL'S SALOON and the townsfolk .If we're to bust out of here it's going to be now.

MIKE RIVERS WELCH has just sent a telegram to the state guvnr and i'll be tried by english jury of ROYAL NAVY .So glad you can back to rescue me,

DOC HOLIDAY While WELCH is at the telegram office I'll get the keys off that old coot who's just giving you that cup of char and we'll ride out to Chicago 'til this blows over .

MIKE RIVERS Thanks DOC try and be quick .

DOC HOLIDAY You just hanging on there .

DOC starts walking around to the front entrance of the Jailhouse

DOC HOLIDAY Hey you in the Jailhouse someone's just robbed the Stagecoach

STUBBY KAY What you talking about boy

STUBBY opens the door to find a colt 45 pistol aimed straight at him . He puts his hands up and they both go into the Jailhouse

DOC HOLIDAY Open up the cell and let Mike Rivers go and where's silver .

STUBBY KAY Silver's outside but only WELCH can Ride him if you take silver you'll never get back here we'll track you down wherever you go

DOC HOLIDAY Get yourself a new dentist Stubby Mike saddle up SILVER .

RIVERS walks over to the nearest banister collecting the saddle and joins them at the entrance to JAILHOUSE where DOC HOLIDAY is keeping a sharp eye out .

DOC HOLIDAY Saddle up SILVER and join me around the back of the Jailhouse , we'll ride to Chicago STUBBY give me some of that beef jerky for the journey .

MISS KATE walks out the saloon , gives a wink to SAM and follows RED JASPER towards the GENERAL STORE .

They enter the general store where TRENT, SHAMUS, and RED JASPER are carrying barrels to the front

CAPTAIN JESSOP Yo ho and a barrel of rum and a barrel of ale

RED JASPER Look at this dolly I have for my niece back in Berkshire

KATE Very pleasing captain,

RED JASPER Bring that dolly for me granddaughter in MANCHESTER
William .

KATE If you want that barrel delivered you'd have to go over to the coach
House

RAYMOND I'll go over to the coach House to get a horse and cart, if you don't
mind waiting

CAPTAIN JESSOP If you can hurry up please I want to set sail before the evening tide we
sailed over here in record time and we're expecting a heroes welcome when we get back to
England .

WILLIAM TRENT What do you mean captain

RED JASPER He means we had a fair wind .

KATE ` If you can go back to PARKHILL SALOON Adam sterling will ride you
back up to the harbour .

Kate leaves the general store and up onto the terraces and walks along till she reaches PARKHILL SALOON

DOC HOLIDAY and MIKE RIVERS ride through the main street .

MIKE RIVERS See you later Kate we're high tailing it to Chicago .

DOC HOLIDAY Tell Welch thanks for SILVER .

As she walks in.SAM PARKHILL Is waiting for her and they both walked through into the office .KATE goes behind the bar to prepare tables getting a red and white check tablecloths .

MISS KATE Can you put these outs on the round tables while I get the candle holders

Sam comes out of the office and and BENJAMIN comes down from the first floor landing .

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN how can I help

DON SABASTIAN MONTOYA Sit yourself here, Adam.We've got to hold up those Brits.Who want a horse and cart to take their barrel of rum and ale to their ship.

MISS KATE We've got to hold these Brits up as long as possible stay here make them wait .

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN How's that going to help ?

DON SABASTIAN MONTOYA We're gonna raid there ship and take the gold back .

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN Oh that's right and the townspeople is going to get blamed

DON SABASTIAN MONTOYA Don't worry the pen is mightier than the sword

Elsewhere DOC HOLIDAY and MIKE RIVERS Are taking the main road out of town.

MIKE RIVER DOC I'm really worried.You know Sheriff Welch loved this horse.And even if SAM PARKHILL manages to get the charges reduced we won't be able to go back to Boston.

DOC HOLIDAY Don't you worry, Mike. I hear there's lots of work for a good dentist in Chicago and that is where we're going.

MIKE RIVERS The townsfolk of. Boston will forgive us eventually.

WILLIAM TRENT, RED JASPER and CAPTAIN JESSOP leave the GENERAL STORE and walk over main street and through the louvered doors of SAM PARKHILLS SALOON where there's a healthy trade of customers enjoying themselves waiting for the can can dancers from paris france . They sit themselves down on the round table with red and white check table cloths and serviettes in pastel shades waiting for a hostess to take there order .



While CAPTAIN JESSOP JASPER and WILLIAM TRENT are enjoying themselves ADAM STERLING , PERCY INGLE and THOMAS PAIN ride up towards the Harbourside and soon reached the docks where they climbed down a rope ladder into a rowing boat .

ADAM STERLING If we take take the rowing boats to that rock near the ESPERANTO
 PERCY INGLE We can climb up the anchor chain and catch the sailors unaware .I've brought my grappling hook .
 ADAM STERLING Once we reach the top of the chain I can throw your grappling hook onto the side of the ship .

They reach a rock near the sailing ship ESPERANTO and PERCY INGLE dives into the water and swims to the front of the ship while ADAM STERLING climbs up the anchor chain and over the side

They see QUESTOR at the steering wheel looking out towards the harbourside .

ADAM jumps on deck. And see wooden boxes, with the sign PEAKING TEA next to the main sail . They grab all the boxes of tea and throw them over the side.

PERCY INGLE lights a stick of dynamite and throws it onto the deck creating a large explosion . QUESTOR is thrown backward sending him sprawling from the upper deck down steps to the main deck where he lands at the base of the main sail .

THOMAS PAIN waits for sailors to come out on deck then jumps down into the ship and makes his way towards the strong room with another stick of dynamite .

He attaches the dynamite to the strong room and lights a fuse

The sailors are looking around on deck for where they're being attacked and in the confusion PERCY INGLE and THOMAS PAIN reach the strong room and retrieve bars of gold, then back up on deck ,

All three dive into the choppy waters. and swim back to the rowing boat and they start rowing to the harbourside .

PERCY INGLE I threw the gold in near that rocky outcrop.

They'll be checking the whole ship for us and won't even realize it's gone.

ADAM STERLING We can use the gold to buy direct from suppliers and tell the BRITISH NAVY , even if it means war .

At the town centre opposite PARKHILLS saloon townsfolk are gathering around a wooden platform recently cleared from the hangman's noose. and Thomas Paine steps up onto a wooden lecture platform and addresses the audience .

THOMAS PAIN Clearly the English high price from American businessmen ,and if you see the newspapers today, the British left in disgrace with reputations as drunk and sea dogs.



Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson are among the crowd handing out newspapers , The news report shows a picture of KATE and SAM PARKHILL with a damning report and British sailors in Boston KATE ,wearing a strapless satin dress with a

split down the side smoking a cigar .

THOMAS PAIN I ask all loyal Americans to petition the state governor and the Central intelligence agency .Jefferson will help you with his newspapers teletype machine that can send reports all the way to Washington .

JEFFERSON waves through the crowd ,

JEFFERSON I send reports to the independent news services in CHICAGO, covers the whole of America

The main gates of the jailhouse on the other side of the dirt road leading through town centre opposite PARKHILLS SALOON and sheriff Welch comes out with two deputies,walking over the dirt road then up the wooden ladder to stand on the platform .

WELCH I have a letter here from the state governor giving MIKE RIVERS. DOC HOLIDAY and all accomplices a full pardon, unfortunately busted out of jail this morning .

I've got an APB out on Mike Rivers and DOC HOLIDAY .

STUBBY KAY Tell them they still got a job here the DOC welcome back .

WELCH We need a dentist so I'll withdraw charges on DOC HOLIDAY .

THOMAS PAIN If we cannot get a better taxation system and we're not represented in London this could mean war .

SAM PARKHILL Don't forget folks everyone's welcome back to PARKHILLS where the moulin rouge and the folie berger have just arrived direct from Paris to entertain you .

LATER ON..... the Esperanto is sailing out of boston harbour

CAPTAIN JESSOP Well me hearties what a shame, all that fine tea from china tipped over the side

WILLIAM TRENT Whoever threw the tea over the side also took the gold. We'll never catch them.

CAPTAIN JESSOP So I've decided we're all sailing back to England now.

RED JASPER Have you seen the morning paper Not only is there a bad report from Thomas Paine on the taxation system.

WILLIAM TRENT There's also a report on drunken sailors from the British Navy.

CAPTAIN JESSOP And it may be published in all the.Papers all over America.

RED JASPER It seems we're losing control.Of the new world captain.

CAPTAIN JESSOP This could mean WAR

THE END?

